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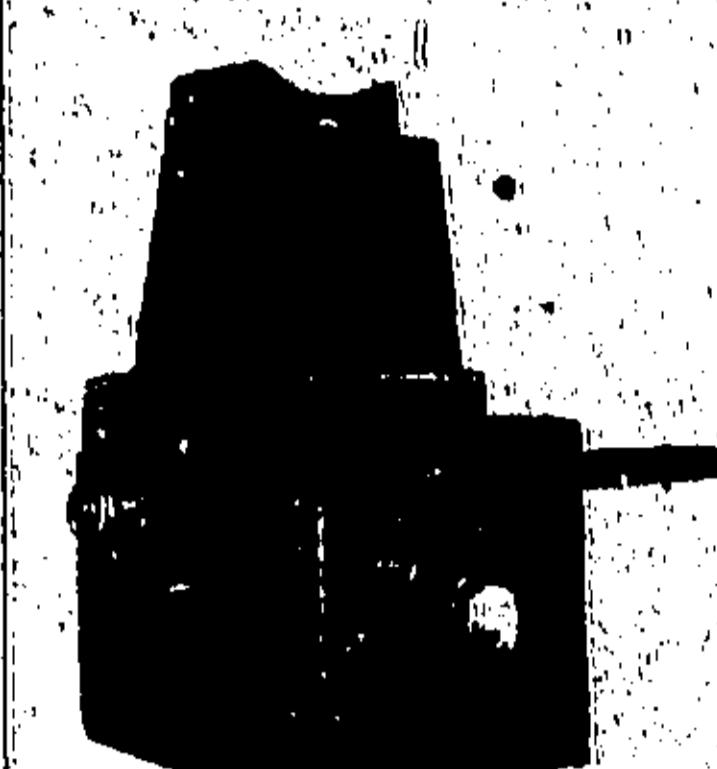
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NANKING DEMANDS.

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FURTHER OUTRAGES.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL GUTTED.

The three Powers affected by the Nanking outrages are actively exchanging views regarding the demands they propose to present, and a very early decision is expected.

Further messages from Nanking report that the American Consulate General there has been gutted by Chinese soldiers in spite of the police guard placed on the building.

NANKING DEMANDS.

Powers' Early Decision Expected.

It is understood that as a result of discussions among the British, American and Japanese Ministers at Peking recommendations have been made to their respective Governments with regard to the action to be taken to exact a return from the Cantonese for the Nanking outrages.

London, Washington and Tokyo are now actively exchanging views and a very early decision is expected. It is impossible at present to forecast the decision, but there will certainly be no attempt to carry out any reprisals without first formulating definite demands.

It is felt the Nanking outrages must be considered quite apart from the question of future policy towards China.—Reuter.

FURTHER DETAILS.

American Consulate Burnt Down.

Rugby, April 1. The Diplomatic representatives at Hankow yesterday communicated to Mr. Eugene Chen, Nationalist Foreign Minister, the officially compiled facts regarding the Nanking outrages.

The first report from Mr. Wallis, the Vice-Consul investigating the situation, entirely confirms the testimony of the previous witnesses.

It is now confirmed that the American Consulate at Nanking was gutted this week by Chinese soldiers, in spite of the police guard placed on the building.

During the outrages on March 24 Southern Nationalist soldiers hauled down the United States flag from over the Consulate, tore it into pieces and cut the ropes.

Foreigners' houses in Nanking have undergone unrestrained looting.—British Wireless Service.

NATIONALIST STATEMENT.

Outrages Engineered By Northerners.

Hankow, April 2. The Nationalist news agency says that the Nationalist Government will soon issue a statement regarding the incident "based on the findings of the rigid official enquiry now being conducted at Nanking."

The agency declares: "The military authorities at Nanking report that the disorders on March 24 were caused by remnants of the defeated Northerners and White Russian mercenaries in Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's army, who instigated the attacks on foreign consulates in order to involve the Nationalist forces with the Powers."

The agency goes on: "In responsible Nationalist circles the evacuation of Americans from the Yangtze region and elsewhere in China is regarded as a measure dictated by panic, not by statesmanship."—Reuter.

JAPAN MOVES.

Considerable Reinforcements Arrive.

Rugby, April 1. Yesterday considerable Japanese naval reinforcements, consisting of four battleships, three cruisers, sixteen destroyers, eight submarines and four auxiliaries reached the Yangtze mouth from Japan.—British Wireless Service.

Another Cruiser, Tokyo, April 2. The cruiser "Yakumo" has been ordered to Shanghai with a landing party of 500 bluejackets. She is leaving Yokohama tomorrow.—Reuter.

YANGTSE DANGERS.

Anti-Foreign Feeling At Wuhu.

LOOTING AT NANKING.

The following wireless messages have been received by the naval authorities:

Although the situation is on the whole easier, anti-foreign feeling is still rife at Wuhu. A guarantee has been given by the Chinese authorities for the protection of foreigners and their property, but when a large demonstration was planned, the remaining members of the community were withdrawn to H.M.S. "Cardoc."

Also taking shelter on the cruiser are a Spanish Bishop and twenty-one priests.

Rugby, April 1. A United States destroyer yesterday was fired on by rifles above Kiangyin, between Shanghai and Chinkiang.

The Americans replied with a gun and machine gun.—British Wireless Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Powers and the Nanking Outrages.

London, April 1. Reports that the Cabinet last night decided to issue an ultimatum to the Cantonese in regard to the Nanking outrages is not borne out by information from well-informed quarters. It is pointed out that no action is likely to be taken by British alone in view of the fact that all foreigners were equally subjected to attack.

The question of compensation and apology must be considered by each Government involved. The presentation of an isolated demand by one Power would perhaps give the false impression of a lack of unity and consequently no ultimatum is likely to be made until all the nations concerned are agreed on a joint course. The Powers are now considering this matter.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S ANXIETY.

Additional Preparations Being Made.

Washington, April 1. A long conference was held at the White House and the State Department last night, presumably in connection with developments in China. There was no indication that any decision was reached.

President Coolidge conferred with Mr. Wilbur and Mr. Kellogg and with Mr. Johnston, the chief of the Near Eastern Affairs.

In the meanwhile consular reports have confirmed Press advices of the continued menace to foreigners in various points of China and these are reflected in orders given to the Marine Corps to check the forces available in case Admiral Williams should call for more men to protect the lives of Americans.

As it was decided to reduce the Marine forces in Nicaragua it is understood that the Corps commander is coming out every available detachment in the United States to find riflemen to fill up the regiment at Guanape for use if needed.—Reuter's American Service.

STRONG COMMENT.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald Taken To Task.

London, April 1. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's attitude towards China is severely criticised by the "Daily Telegraph," which considers his speech at Glasgow "makes a disgraceful business, if anything worse."

The "Telegraph" described as a "preposterous argument" and "counsel of insanity" the contention that the Shanghai International Settlement could be defended by the British naval forces on the China station, and declares the work of the navy indispensable during this situation, and its duty was not only gallantly performed at Nanking, but daily, since the Yangtze valley became a theatre of hostilities.

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UNION CLOSED.

Early Morning Police Raid.

SPECIAL LAW INVOKED.

Under an order made by the Governor in Council under regulations relating to the prevention of disorder (published in the "Government Gazette" on Jan. 28 as notification No. 39), the Kiu Kong King T'un Tsung-Ui (General Labour Association of Hong Kong), which also describes itself as the Federation of Chinese Labour Unions of Hong Kong, was proscribed on Thursday.

To enforce this order a strong contingent of police officers from the Criminal Investigation Department raided the Union's premises in Des Voeux Road West at one o'clock this morning.

At noon yesterday an election was held to appoint a committee of twenty-one delegates from the various unions.

In the election, the Seamen's Union came an easy first with 88 votes. Among the unions nominated to serve on the committee (which can be said to be the equivalent of the highest authority in Hong Kong labour circles) were the market butchers, barbers, launch coxswains, employees of foreigners, tramwaymen, coal workers, coolies, stevedores, printers and hospital employees. The Union of Women Workers (which includes amahs) fared for the last place.

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EASTERN PORTS' HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended March 26 is—

Plague: 4 cases at Rangoon, 2 at Colombo, 1 at Sourabaya, 3 at Bangkok.

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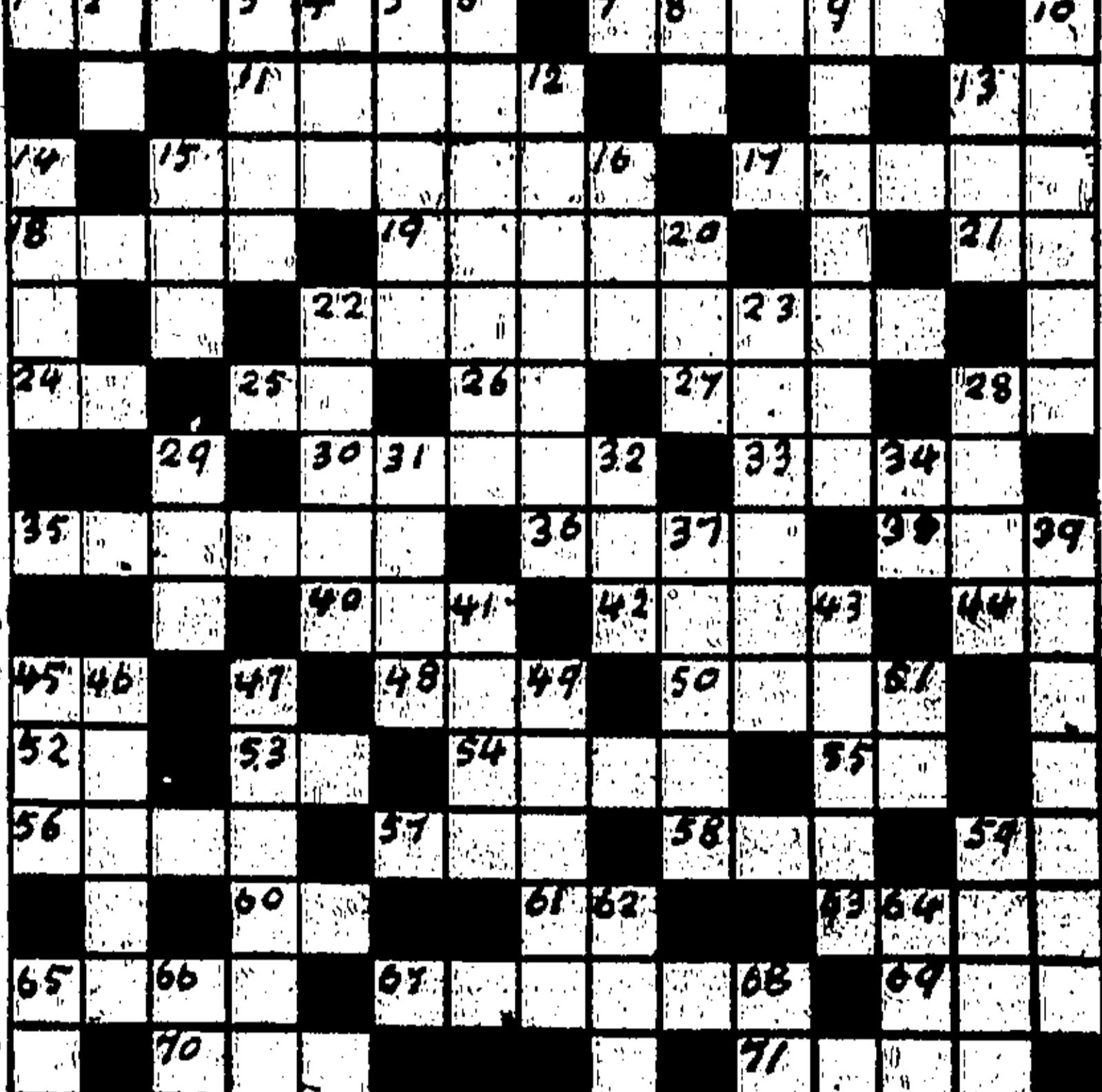
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4. To lick up.
5. Scientific name for health.
6. Difficulties.
7. To rebuke.
8. To desist.
9. Weight used for precious stones.
10. A tormentor of political candidates.
11. An exclamation of joy.
12. Shaggy.
13. Ancient.
14. A piece of ground.
15. A timber tree.
16. NAT (actual).
17. Torpedo boat destroyer (abbrev.).
18. Of the feminine sex.
19. One or the other.
20. Food.
21. Practical skill.
22. Employed.
23. To yelp.
24. EP (actual).
25. CELLS (actual).
26. A short rope used for fastening articles.
27. To be mad.
28. One mounted on horseback.
29. The sun.
30. Meat juice.
31. Views.
32. Measured.
33. In this manner.
34. A piece of glass.
35. DDS (actual).
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ATHOS II ... A	8th Apr.	19th April	24th May
DARFAGAN ... A	2nd Apr.	27th May	7th June
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SHIPPING SECTION.

SHIPPING IN 1926.

NO BENEFIT THROUGH COAL TROUBLES.

A contradiction of the assumption that the shipping industry has derived exceptional advantages from the misfortunes of the coal industry is given in the annual report of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom. An optimistic note is, however, struck in a reference to the economic position of the industry, which, although according to the report, "not at the moment materially better than it was a year ago, shows signs of improvement." The realisation of such hopes must, however, remain uncertain for some time, and depends ultimately upon the permanence of those factors which make for a general restoration of trade.

"Nevertheless," it is added, "the idea has gained credence that the industry has derived exceptional advantages from the misfortunes of the coal industry and that the demand for tonnage for the importation of coal created something akin to a boom in shipping freights. No such assumption is justified by the facts, but its persistence makes it desirable to analyse the situation." A considerable portion of the report is devoted to the general strike and its effects. In this connection, it is mentioned that reductions which took place in outward cargoes of manufactured goods, usually carried by liners, represented a fall in the value of such exports in 1926 as compared with 1925 of no less than £78,000,000. "To establish a fair comparison," says the report, "the simplest method to adopt would be to multiply the cargo by the average miles covered. The result might be called 'cargo ton-miles.' While such statistics are not available, it is possible from the Board of Trade Navigation Returns to obtain a figure showing the 'loaded ton-miles.' When this is done, it is found that the total movement of shipping to and from the United Kingdom was approximately 365,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1925, and only 354,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1926. Thus it is seen that the effective carrying service rendered diminished by 11,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1926."

The Rise in Freights.
The rise in freights in 1926 over 1925 on the average for the year
is seen that the effective carrying service rendered diminished by 11,000 million loaded ton-miles in 1926.

The Federation of British Industries have made representations to shipping companies in regard to actual or proposed increases in rates to various markets, as a result of losses incurred during the coal stoppage. Some of the important steamship conferences have abandoned their proposals and while certain lines trading with Continental ports have withdrawn or reduced the surcharges, others have intimated that the position will be carefully reconsidered.

The Federation have also made representations to the Indian lines against their proposal to increase freights.

Voyages in Ballast.
British tonnage entering and clearing in the United Kingdom with cargoes did not exceed two million net tons, but while the British tonnage entering in ballast fell by 4.6 million net tons, that departing in ballast rose by 7.4 million net tons, a net increase in voyages in ballast of 2.8 million net tons. The reduction of two million net tons in voyages with cargo represented a loss of freight and the increase of 2.8 million net tons in voyages in ballast represented an increase of expenses quite

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 15	July 18	July 22	July 31
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 5	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 21
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11
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Friday, 8th April.

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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SUMATRA MARU MONBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Sunday, 1st May.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Wednesday, 27th April.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

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Devanha	8,155	16th April	Marseille, London, Antwerp & Hull
Alipore	5,273	20th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
Delta	8,007	27th April	Marseille, London & Antwerp
Malwa	10,942	30th April	Marseille, London & Antwerp
Lahore	5,253	10th May	Marseille, London & Antwerp
Nellore	6,854	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, B'bay & K'chi
Khiva	9,135	14th May	Marseille, London & Antwerp
Jeypore	5,318	20th May	Marseille, London & Antwerp
Nyanza	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
Morea	10,919	28th May	Marseille & London
Kashmir	8,005	11th June	Marseille, London & Antwerp
Mantua	10,002	25th June	Marseille, London & Antwerp
Kalyan	9,144	9th July	Marseille & London
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TALAWA	10,000	25th April 26th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

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TANDA	6,056	3rd June	
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ARAFURA	6,000 <th>4th April Noon</th> <th>Shanghai, Moji, Kobs & Yokohama</th>	4th April Noon	Shanghai, Moji, Kobs & Yokohama
LAHORE	10,000	6th April	Moji, Kobs & Osaka
JEYPORE	7,648	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobs
NELLORE	6,823	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobs
KHIVA	9,135	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobs
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobs
MOREA	10,953	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobs
TANDA	6,958	3rd May	Moji, Kobs, Osaka and Yokohama

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PROPOSED SALARIES CUT.

Confirmation has not been received by either the local office or the men concerned in Hong Kong, of the following cable:-

Shanghai, April 1.

It is understood that the China Navigation Co.'s (officers and engineers) strike came of to-day, but that it will be shortlived for following the negotiations—the nature of which are at present unknown—the men agreed to resume their duties to-morrow. Reuter.

"Shanghai" Articles.

At the time of going to press to-day, the officers and engineers of one steamer had refused to sign the new articles (which, it is understood, include a reduction of 10 per cent. on salaries).

Other than that there is no change to record in the situation.

The C.N.C.'s "Yingchow" is to leave Hong Kong to-morrow for Shanghai, via Swatow. There should, however, be no misunderstanding. The officers of this ship are on articles signed at Shanghai and their decision regarding the company's new articles can only be known when these are presented to them there.

LAUNCH AUCTIONED.

The steam-launch "Fee Hang" was sold at Messrs. Lammert Bros. auction rooms yesterday to Mr. Young Shu-fan for \$2,750. Bidding opened at \$2,000.

The boat was sold together with all machinery, appurtenances, fittings and furniture, as she now lies in the harbour. Her dimensions are—length, 51ft. 2in.; breadth, 11ft. 2in.; depth, 5ft. 7in.; gross tonnage, 21 tons.

"KINSHAN'S" STRIKE.

None of the other ships of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd. had been affected by the strike of the crew of the "Kinshau" to obtain a social room and "Union" meeting place on board their boat.

With the China Navigation Co.'s "Fathian," the "Lungshan" and "Taishan" are keeping up the day and night run between Hong Kong and Canton.

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Consignees of "Cargo ex a.s. "Amazone" are informed that all claims will not be recognized by the Agent after Thursday, April 7.

SHIPS IN PORT.

There were 62 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour this morning, of which number 20 fly the British flag.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 12 arrivals (8 British) and 24 departures (10 British).

HELD UP BY FOG.

Delayed outside Hong Kong by fog, the P. & O. "Macedonia" arrived at Kowloon wharf at 8.30 a.m. to-day from Shanghai.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after the 6th April, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th April, 1927 or they will not be recognized.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 13th April, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

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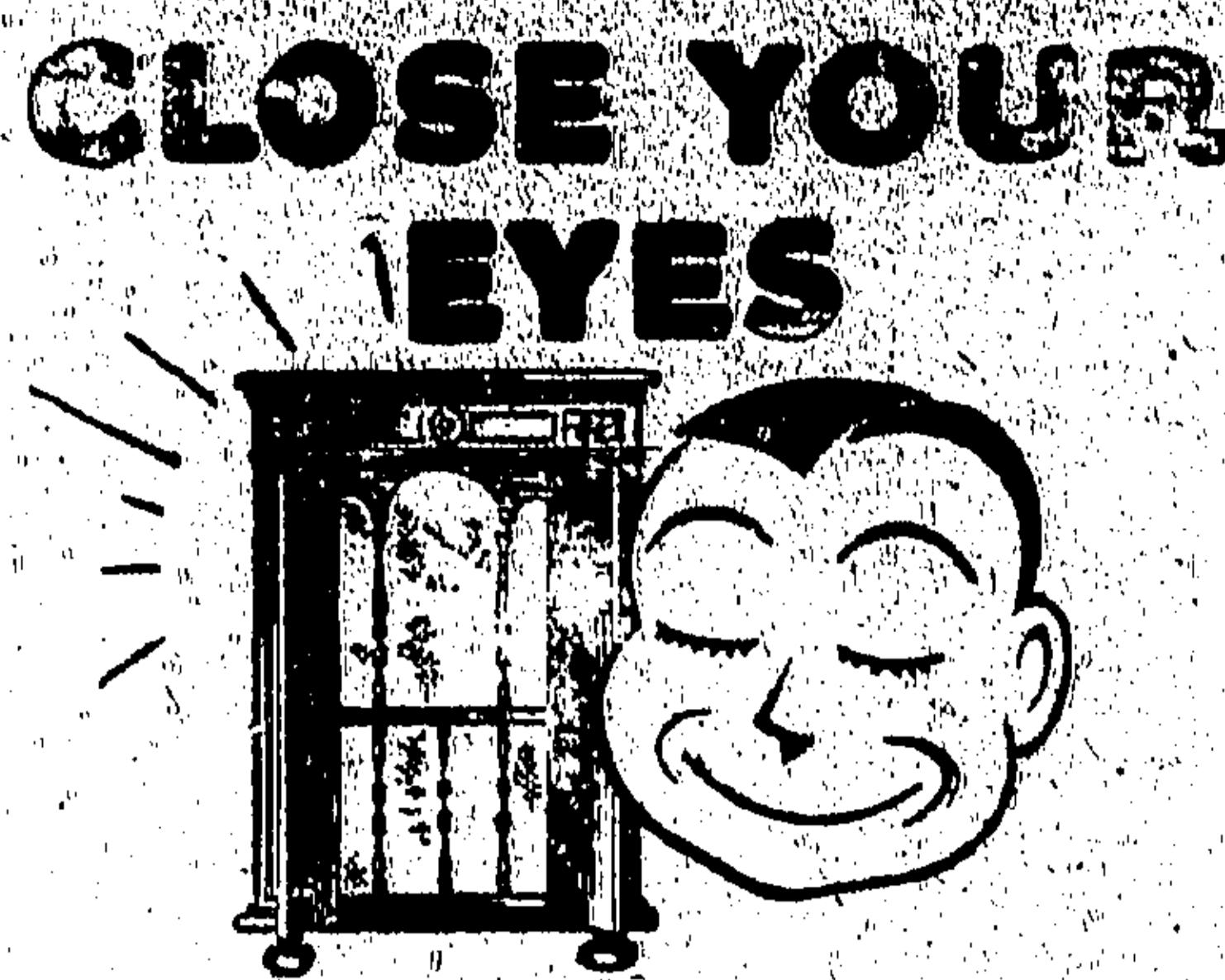
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

To the good work of the British Secret Service agents must be attributed in large measure the intelligent anticipation which enabled Britain to take measures which have been amply justified for the protection of her nationals in China. Although the popular mind colours the collective activities of the Secret Service with the glamour of romance, the very nature of its undertakings preclude anything in the nature of public acclamation of individual achievements. The identity and movements of its members are shrouded in obscurity. Votes for expenditure incurred in the Service must be merged in those of other Services or otherwise suppressed, for they never figure in public Budgets and Balance Sheets. Scattered over remote parts of the globe, the agents are often isolated from their fellows. Commanding mastery over strange languages and customs, they establish precarious contact in times of strained and openly hostile relations. Is there no hope, in spite of its dangers, of figuring as the hero of the hour, with the spot-light of publicity playing upon one's achievements? It is a very good tribute to the commanding qualities of a winning personality that Britain, with the spot-light of publicity playing upon one's achievements, can be a distinguished leader among the nations.

the passions of the mob. They gave way to the extremists and they have yet to dissociate themselves from those members of the party who proclaim support of Canton on the ground that the Nationalists are "workers" and the Northern Government "feudalists." It is a sad day for the Labour party when civil war masquerading as pacifism and class war masquerading as humanity are able to sweep common sense to one side.

The community in Hong Kong welcome the Secretary of State's appreciation of the fortitude with which past trials here have been borne, the assurance of personal safety and the inviolability of foreign property here and in the New Territories. Many of us would welcome still more the broadcasting of a reassuring message to those at home who have a somewhat exaggerated view of disturbed conditions as affecting Hong Kong at present. The mere assurance by letter to such, that there is little reason for fear of local disturbances and that in the event of such a contingency, full and efficient measures have been prepared, often fails to dissipate their apprehensions. Honest statements of fact are taken as praiseworthy but transparent attempts to restore their peace of mind. Falling the publication in the Home Press of such a reassuring statement as the Secretary of State despatched here, the most effective proof would be the mailing home of local newspapers with reports of such "exciting" events as "Mudford" election, Race Meetings, of the Philharmonic Society's production of H.M.S. "Pinafore." To even the most worrying and devoted relative it must be obvious that there would be neither principals nor spectators were there justification for the picture of conditions here that many of them have mentally painted.

NEW APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Sung Sheung-wai to be a Public Vaccinator. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Francis Arthur Wells, to be a member of the Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, vice Mr. Douglas Abbey, resigned. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Private George Duncan, M.B.E., to be Second Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Henry Thomas Jackman to be a member of the Council of the University of Hong Kong.

Mr. J. R. G. Wyatt has been appointed as Assistant Examiner for Masters' and Mates' Examinations.

MR. HENRY FORD.

Detroit, April 1. A hospital bulletin states that Mr. Henry Ford is progressing favourably. Nevertheless, newspaper correspondents at Detroit are less optimistic. The "New York Evening Post" correspondent declares Mr. Ford is spitting blood from an internal haemorrhage.

[A cable yesterday reported that Mr. Ford was suffering from concussion following an accident, in which his car fell over an embankment.]

JAPAN'S FIRST FLEET.

Tsingtao, April 1. The Japanese first fleet consisting of four battleships, three cruisers, 16 destroyers and eight submarines has arrived for the annual manoeuvres.

It is emphasised that the visit is not connected with the situation in China. Beira.

PAN AMERICAN CRISIS.

Buenos Aires, April 1. Entitled "Pan-American Crisis," a leader in the newspaper "Prensa" declares that the restrictions on the imports of Argentine products recently made by the United States will not affect Argentine interests as the United States' intervention in Nicaragua.

The "Prensa" says the Pan-American Conference, which opened in Montevideo on April 1, has been a success, and that the Argentine delegation has been well received.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

Local Amateurs' Latest Enterprise.

LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESS.

The difficulties which beset a musical production in Hong Kong need not be entered into here. They must, nevertheless, be fairly prodigious. So that if the Philharmonic Society's H.M.S. "Pinafore," performed for the first time last night at the Royal, was not the roaring success it might have been, the blame should be laid to the door of those very difficulties, and to the deplorable lack of suitable talent in the colony. The fact of the matter is, too, that Gilbert and Sullivan is now terribly dated.

The salaries which were considered screamingly funny, and the musical style which charmed the old Savoyards are lamentably out of sympathy with our modern ideas. The Gilbert quips miss fire, and the tum-ti-tiddle-um type of Sullivan tune, the ceaseless repetition of musical and worded phrase—to say nothing of the inane requests for encores—become increasingly tiresome. The costumes, also, are both old-fashioned and awkward and if Buttercup must be a frowzy boat woman, why in heaven's name must she look like one? What is really wanted is a modern dressing. We should have then, in place of dowdiness and tradition, bobbed hair and modernism.

Mr. R. M. Keown was a very

upstanding Captain Corcoran and

Mr. C. P. Marcel very

deadly Dick Deadeye. Mrs. Marcel

took the part of the captain's fair daughter, Sung very charmingly, but Mrs. Watt, as Buttercup, seemed to be wrongly cast.

Mr. Richards as Ralph Rackstraw and supporting cast all contributed to the best of their ability.

As Sir Joseph Porter, Mr. Brock alone scored. He gave one the impression that he was thoroughly at home in his part and did indeed succeed in making it a very convincing one, with the real traditional touch.

Mr. Fleming should insist upon

a closer response to his baton, for

both the orchestra and chorus

were at times inclined to take

matters into their own hands.

The ensembles were, in conse-

quence, occasionally ragged. The

orchestra was a little overloaded

in certain quarters and in the

overture especially, all drum and

timpani. The pitch, too, was not well

maintained.

—H.L.W.

The Full Cast.

The cast was as follows:—

The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., First Lord of the Admiralty.

A. J. T. Brock, Captain Corcoran.

Commanding, H.M.S. "Pinafore."

R. M. Keown, Ralph Rackstraw.

Abbie Seaman, D. M. Richards, Dick Deadeye, Abbie Seaman, C. P. Marcel, Bill Bobstay, Boatswain's Mate, N. V. Halstead, Bob Beckett, Carpenter's Mate, R. Dorman, Tom Tucker, Mishipmash, Teddy Bullock, Josephine, The Captain's Daughter.

Mrs. C. P. Marcel, Hebe, Sir Joseph's First Cousin, Mrs. J. Hollidge, Mrs. C. P. Marcel, Miss G. Watt, Chorus of First Lord's Cousins, His Sisters, His Aunt, Sailors and Marines.

Meadames Cornaby, Fleming, Greenway, Hayward, Head, Hooper, Hurst, McLeod, Nowers, Park, Misses Cole, Dunn, Fielding, Gillington, McClay, Murphy, Sparrow, and Stuart.

Messrs. Allman-Ward, Baldwin, Bates, Bell, Bennett, Best, Bickford, Clegg, Fountain, Lake, A. A. Lewis, F. H. G. Lewis, Price, Provan, Ramsey, Ridyard, Simmins, Simpson, Stone, E. C. Thomas, D. T. Thomas, Thoson, Westlake, Whelan and Windle.

Officials.

The following were the officials, etc.:—

Stage Manager and Producer.

Mr. R. E. Davies, Assistant Stage

Manager and Producer, Mr. W. E.

Price, Property Master, Mr. G. W.

R. Griggs, Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs.

E. Harrison, Hon. Accompanist,

Mrs. C. E. Millard, B.A., Prompter,

Mr. E. P. Lenfestey.

Scenery and programme cover

designed by Lieut. B. L. O'Donnell.

R. M. and scenery painted by Chan

Sin-fong.

Stage, lighting by Messrs. Coles, Derrill and Stobart.

Thomson, Men's Costumes by Ah

Men, Hing Cheong, Ladies' dresses

by Ah Chung.

Those Who Helped.

The Committee of the Hong Kong

Philharmonic Society desire to ex-

press their thanks to Messieurs

Allman-Ward and Jenner, and to

Messrs. Hurst, Luck and Nicholson

for assistance given in the produc-

tion of the opera to the A.D.C. for

can of flood lights, etc., and to

Mr. W. H. MacEwan, A.T.C.M., for

orchestrating the overture.

The Orchestra—Violin, Miss

CHIANG'S PROMISE.

Prospects of Capturing Peking.

WAR SITUATION REVIEWED.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

General Chiang Kai-shek has told the world that he will continue to march northwards and take Peking. He did not say so in so many words but there is no misunderstanding his intention to subdue the Fengtien Party and then unify China by force.

What are his prospects? He has gone on from success to success. No matter how his troops have fought, they have not been defeated in battle and well may he lay the claim to being invincible.

The Nationalist soldier of the hour has won even more victories than did Hung Shau-chuen, the anti-Manchu rebel of seventy years ago, who established his court at Nanking—but suffered a number of defeats now and then—and was ultimately crushed on his last march to Peking.

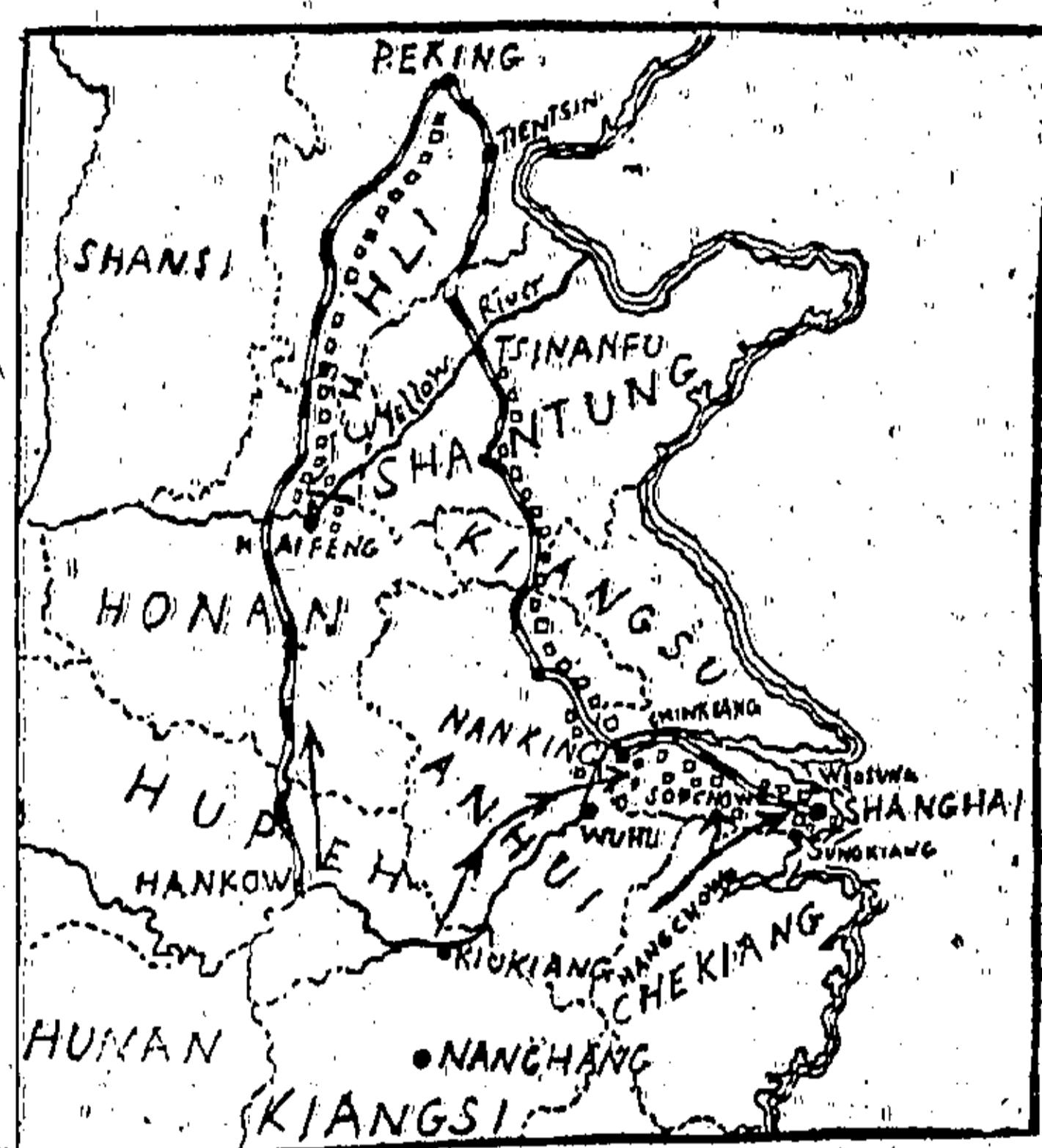
Moral and Material.

As was the case then, actual supremacy in the field does not ensure "success." I cannot do better than quote Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, the military expert of the London "Daily Telegraph," He says:

"Before attempting to assess the military position and prospects, it is essential to realize this division of the moral and material factors in the impending struggle. There is a further aspect. The struggle is between a mass movement and a group of individuals—"war-lords," whose governing aim is inevitably their aggrandisement or enrichment, and whose troops are held together simply by the tie of personal allegiance peculiar to the mercenary soldier."

Watery "No Man's Land."

Like a great dividing line between North and South runs the



Rough sketch map of North-East China, between Shanghai and Peking. The disposition of forces is shown up to the time before the Northern debacle from Shanghai and Nanking (small squares for Northerners and black arrows for Southerners). Note there are no Northerners south of the Yangtze. The relative distance Chiang Kai-shek will have to march before getting near Peking will be appreciated.

Yangtze River, a vital means of communication, but for the moment a watery "No Man's Land."

At Hankow, the Southerners have established a strategic bridge-head on the northern bridge-head, with a line running up to the border of Honan province.

At the mouth of the Yangtze, Chiang Kai-shek has his military "knuckles" stretched just beyond his palm, but guarding Shanghai and Nanking effectively.

The Nationalists' Strength.

Captain Liddell Hart estimates the strength of the Nationalist sections as follows:

Main body at Hankow: 80,000 strong.

The left arm which made the jab at Nanking: 20,000—but this has since been increased by the defections from the Northern armies.

The right arm (which went up by Chekiang province): one column nearer the coast 45,000 men; and the other column 30,000—these have also since been extended by embodying Northern divisions which went over. (There has been hardly any wastage of war.)

Other fairly large forces have been left behind to guard the various provinces, e.g., 30,000 left by General Ho Ying-yin in Fukien.

Alternative Shield.

Instead of crossing the Yangtze direct, the right arm is likely to shift their strategical position half-left on Nanking, leaving behind a fairly substantial force to hold Shanghai and environs. This, of course, is on the assumption that Chiang Kai-shek does intend to move forward—and the easiest way he can march is by following the railway.

Marshal Chang Tsung-chang of Shantung is offering very little resistance. He still has an alternative shield in the Yellow River further north, with a position fairly strong naturally.

Bigger Factors Than War.

The element of doubt exists with regard to the "main body" at Hankow. The strategical view would suggest that General Tang Seng-chi should take up the offensive and advance along the Peking-Hankow Railway. But the question is, will he? Other factors than war—such as politics and party dissension—may prove of more importance.

There is a railway running eastwards from Kaifeng to Hanchow (in north Kiangsu), joining the two railways running south from Peking (one to Hankow, the other to Nanking).

Napoleon's Maxim.

It is reasonable to expect that Chiang Kai-shek will make this connecting railway his next objective. By moving on it he will fulfil Napoleon's maxim—the key of his strategy—that "the secret of war is to make oneself master of the communications."

There, Chiang Kai-shek would be astride the two overland routes between Peking and Central China. Thence in Napoleonic manner, he could press down on the Fengtien stronghold at Chang Tsung-chang's rear.

Meanwhile, Marshal Chang Tsao-lin has failed to make an impression even on Wu Pei-fu in Honan. Even if he succeeded in getting down along the railway to Hankow (on which his son, General Chang Hsueh-liang, is now busily engaged), his position would soon be intolerable.

Left Flank Exposed.

The further south he came, the more would his left flank be exposed to a crushing blow from Chiang Kai-shek's combined army going north from Nanking.

So far, the "Christian general" (Feng Yu-hsiang) has been left out of calculations. This pro-

YUNNAN LETTER.

PROVINCE TURNING OVER TO CANTON.

ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.

[From Our Own Correspondent] Yunnan (Yunnan), March 21. An anti-British boycott was attempted recently, but was suppressed by General Lung, who has kept order here under very trying circumstances.

There seems to be no very definite anti-foreign feeling here, but it is realized that it exists below the surface and is only waiting for the opportunity to show itself.

Things seem to be settling down in the city now, at least outwardly, but there is still a good deal of disorder and robbery.

Government by Committee.

The new arrangement of governing the province by committees has now begun to take shape and nine men have been appointed, so that a better state of affairs is hoped for.

P'en-ma, on the Burma border, is again in the limelight and a very strong article appeared in one of the leading papers here recently, which might easily have led to trouble, but nothing has happened yet.

Later. The matter has now been cleared up. The vernacular paper's report has been found to be untrue.

Going Over to Canton.

It has been thought that the province was going over to Canton. It is learned on good authority that four representatives have gone to Canton to talk matters over and it will not be a matter for surprise if as a result, this province goes over definitely to the Nationalists.

Meanwhile, there is concern because Generals Lung and Hu are at loggerheads and the latter has called up more of his men to the city. Considerable quantities of arms and ammunition have been brought up.

Earthquake Shocks.

Early on the morning of March 15, three distinct earthquake shocks were felt in Yunnan, but fortunately no damage was done.

By March 20 it was able to find out that the severest shocks had been in the south-west of the province. At Hsien-dien, Yao-hin and Sun-kiang, much damage was done, houses collapsed but it is not thought that any life was lost.

It is just about two years ago that Taihu was visited by an earthquake.

Later.—As regards the earthquake, a mistake was made as to the location of the severest shocks, which occurred in the north-east instead of the south-west as stated, the area affected being "about two days' journey from the capital."

HAROLD LLOYD.

GREAT NEW COMEDY AT THE QUEEN'S.

EXCELLENT MUSICAL ITEMS.

Harold Lloyd's latest comedy, "For Heaven's Sake," now showing at the Queen's Theatre as the first big film of the Paramount super season, will long be remembered by Hong Kong with the greatest pleasure. The story begins quietly, with an amusing touch here and there. Then suddenly things begin to happen. After that the picture is a riot of fun. Obviously it is inopportune to say much about the plot at this stage, as that would be anticipating the pleasure of the many hundreds who have yet to see the film, but it can be said that of two of the episodes, the filling of a mission hall by the most astonishing process in the world, and the truly marvellous journey of a handful of "drunks" in a commandered bus as are funny and as exciting as any of the numerous comical thrills Harold Lloyd has yet offered his admirers.

"For Heaven's Sake" has an excellent supporting programme. The Queen's Orchestra gives a musical prologue under the direction of Mr. A. Grovini. The selections are (a) "While the Sahara Sleeps," (b) Jack Hylton's "Summer Rain," and (c) Wagneritis. The lighting effects and stage settings are very beautiful. The effect of rain falling is remarkably well done. Further variety is given to the programme by a quartette of male singers, who, however, have not quite realised the size of the building in which they are singing. A charming Prism Color film showing scenes in the South of France and a clever little Inkwell Cartoon sketch complete a delightful programme.

VACCINATION.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE WORK.

The number of Chinese vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, March 31, was as follows:

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division 21,944

King's College Division 4,888

Railway Division 3,428

Indian Division 3,226

Kowloon Division 17,875

Mont Kok Division 2,659

Shaukiwan Division 1,874

Un Long Division 1,871

St. Joseph's College 1,745

Total 66,106

APPEAL FOR HELP.

LOCAL ARTISTS PLEASE NOTE.

CONCERTS FOR THE TROOPS.

The following letter has been sent to well-known local artists and others known to be interested in the organisation of entertainments locally, by Mr. E. Sutherland, Chairman of the Entertainment Sub-Committee of the Y.M.C.A. which is organising entertainments for the Services.

It was felt that others who would be willing to assist might have escaped attention, a copy of the letter has been sent for publication.

The letter is as follows:

You will have seen from the Press of the 28th inst. an outline of the work which a special Committee of the Y.M.C.A. propose to carry out in connection with the entertainment of Service men. It is necessary for me to remind you that we have, and shall have, for a considerable time, thousands of men here who in completely strange surroundings must be kept entertained and amused during their leisure hours. With this idea the Y.M.C.A. have formed a representative Committee drawn from the Services and Hong Kong Residents.

There are several Depots of the Y.M.C.A. to cater for and the general outline of the scheme is that small concerts once or twice a week at each should be arranged, probably a concert on a larger scale once a month at one of the bigger depots or possibly at the City Hall. Every effort will be made to reduce the work of those who assist, and it may be possible to arrange, particularly in connection with Kowloon Concerts, for Artists to sing at perhaps two or more Depots at different times, during the same evening, and so minimize the number of occasions our helpers will have to attend.

We are in touch with the Hong Kong A.D.C., the Philharmonic Society, the Talkino Recreation Club and many other similar Associations which are contributing help.

It is well to tell you at the outset that Concerts start at 8 o'clock and finish about 10 p.m. This is not a convenient hour for many, but if you are willing to assist, you will not object to a little inconvenience in a good cause.

Through the kindness of the Church Body, the Cathedral Hall has been allocated to us for practice purposes and those singing will be able to arrange with their accompanists to run over their songs there. While it is impossible at the present stage of organisation to make any definite statement as to the extent we shall have to call upon your services, still it is hoped that it may not be more than two, or possibly three, times each month.

Mr. T. V. Harmon is Hon. Secretary of this Committee, a list of whose names has already appeared in the Press. I shall be glad if you will kindly return, either to me or to Mr. Harmon, c/o Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, the enclosed form duly filled in. Care should be taken to indicate clearly how you are prepared to help, as this will assist in the preparation of the programme. As long notice as possible will be given you with regard to details of Concerts.

The Colony has some hard work ahead, and I trust you will make an effort to help in every way possible.

Signed,

R. SUTHERLAND,

Chairman,

Entertainment Sub-Committee,

c/o Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

11.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

April 2—Annual meeting of

General Committees of the Alice Memorial & Affiliated Hospitals in the Chamber of Commerce board room, 12.30 p.m.

April 2—Annual meeting of the H.K. Baseball Assn. at the American Consulate-General, 5.30 p.m.

April 8—Third annual meeting of H.K. & Territories Estates, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 2.30 p.m.

April 21—Second Meeting of China Light & Power Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Meetings.

April 4—Annual meeting of

the Dockside School at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. 2 p.m., and of St. Stephen's College, in Great Hall of University, 7.30 p.m.

April 6—Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., A.M.I.E.E. Inst.T. will read a paper on "Urban & Suburban Transport" at the Institution of Engineers & Shipbuilders (Hong Kong), 5.45 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

While unloading cement at Shamshulpo, a couple fell from a gangplank into the harbour and has been admitted into the Kwong Wah Hospital with injuries to his head.

It is notified for the information of owners and occupiers of tenements that rates for the second quarter of 1927, are payable in advance on or before April 30.

During the fifteen-hour, yesterday Madame Chifion (the dress-makar) lost a silk evening dress valued at \$79 from her shop at the ground floor of No. 39, Queen's Road Central. It was some time between 1.15 and 1.45 p.m. that the loss was discovered.

The St. George Hotel in Kennedy Road is to be opened by Mrs. F. E. Cameron about April 10, not by Miss Cameron as stated yesterday. Regret is expressed for the error, which, however, must have been obvious, Mrs. Cameron being as well-known in Hong Kong.

The body of Signalman C. E. Scarlett, of the 13th Infantry Brigade who was drowned in the Sheung-shui stream whilst bathing in the New Territories last week, was recovered on Thursday and his funeral took place yesterday at the Protestant Cemetery with full military honours.

No. 1080 Canton Road, Mong Kokhui was sold at Messrs. Lammer's Auction Rooms yesterday for \$50,000, Mr. Yu Man-po being the purchaser. The same buyer was the successful bidder in other sales at these Rooms (Nos. 8-14 Argyle street, \$25,000; Nos. 433, 435 and 437, Reclamation Street, Kowloon, \$20,000).

It is notified that the prohibition as regards the exchange of clubbed packages between Hong Kong and the Republic of China, the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States is postponed *sine die*, but that regarding the Netherlands Indies will be enforced as from April 1.

The rule made by the Governor in Council under section 16 of the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901, under the heading "Making, etc. of certain fire-works," has been amended by the substitution of the words "sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium perchlorate, or which have in any single container thereof more than 10 grains of any explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient" for the words "sulphur and saltpetre" in the last line of the said rule.

Scores of curious are flocking to the scene of the reported gold strike in the Dripping Springs district in Arizona and plans have been made for the laying out of two towns sites.

It is reported from Moscow that there is a tendency in the higher Communistic circles in favour of transferring the Government institutions from Moscow to Leningrad. The house-

As from Monday, the offices of Messrs. Raiss, Massey & Co., Ltd. and the New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd. will be on the 4th floor of Exchange Building.

The annual meeting of the general committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals will be held on Monday in the Chamber of Commerce board room, at 12.30 p.m. All members are requested to be present.

A New York message states that Professor Stirling of California announces the discovery of a race of men who are four feet in height while the women are smaller, in Dutch New Guinea. He stayed three months in a village of these pygmies, who use stone implements for war and agriculture.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—Ordinance No. 1 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911; Ordinance No. 2 of 1927.—An Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869; and Ordinance No. 3 of 1927.—An Ordinance to provide against accidents in factories.

Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., A.M.I.E.E., M.Inst.T. (general manager of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.) is to read a paper on "Urban and Suburban Transport" at the Institution of Engineers and Ship-builders (Hong Kong) at 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, when Mr. James Ormiston (immediate Past President) will take the chair. Needless to say, the invitation to "members and friends who may be interested" will be gladly availed of by large numbers. This season's sessional papers at the Institute have been of very high standard, but nevertheless entertaining, and Mr. Bellamy is assured of a hearty reception.

Very readable for resident and associate members alike and for that matter, to the general public, the March number of "The Red Triangle" has made its appearance. The various branches of activity of members are reviewed, "Mudford" and its election being much to the fore with the sporting section set-going section, newly formed Naval and Military section, Library Committee and Camera Club activities receiving their measure of attention. There are articles humorous and serious and some pictures excellently reproduced. No member or anyone interested in the Y.M.C.A. should be without a copy.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. C. P. Rigby, Registrar, Supreme Court, Kuala Lumpur, expects to retire in November of this year, after 29 years in Government Service.

Mr. C. S. Alexander, Financial Adviser and Treasurer, F.M.S., has left for home on three months' leave prior to retirement. Since his appointment as a Cadet at the end of 1900 he has, except for a brief interval, devoted the whole of his service to the financial side.

Lieut. J. S. Baker, R.N., who has been Aide-de-Camp to H.E. the Governor (Sir Laurence Gillebrand) for about a year has left for home by the transport "Kinfaus Castle." During his stay in Malaya Lieut. Baker has been very popular among all with whom he has come in contact, both in his official and private capacity.

William Jennings Bryan, junior, son of the late Secretary of State, and a prominent attorney on the Pacific coast had a narrow escape from serious injury and possible death when the motor-car in which he was returning to Tucson from Nogales left the road, missing by only a few feet a fall from a bridge and avoiding a twenty feet fall to death.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess have returned to Sweden from their visit to the United States and the Far East which has lasted for nine months. They were received by enthusiastic crowds when they landed at Malmo on February 9 and on February 10 at Stockholm. The city was decorated with flags and emblems of welcome, and cheering crowds lined the streets from the station to the palace.

The Press Association learns that the Hon. Ivor Montagu, third son of Lord and Lady Swaythling, of Kensington Court, W., was married at a London register office on Jan. 10 to Miss Ellen Hollister, a London typist, who lives at Montyn-road, Brixton. News of the wedding did not leak out until February 21, so closely had the fact been guarded. Since the marriage the bride has been attending at her office daily. She stated that she had been obliged to continue her work for the present in order to fulfil her contract. The Hon. Ivor Montagu is 23 years of age. His father, Lord Swaythling, is head of the banking firm of Samuel Montagu & Co., of Old Broad-street, E.C.

Mr. F. Mori has been transferred to the head office of the Mitsubishi Kaisha, Tokyo, and Mr. Matsutaro Shimura has been appointed as assistant manager for the Singapore office in his stead.

The "New Statesman" of February 12 contains an interesting article on a Chinese Gentleman—unnamed, but easily recognisable, says the "Malay Mail" to the residents of Malaya as Dr. Lim Boon-keng—whom the writer, Stephen W. Rossiter, met while ashore there.

Princess Elizabeth, the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, had an outing in one of the royal carriages, which was driven by the King's own coachman, slowly round Hyde Park. The Queen saw her little grandchild into the open carriage before it left Buckingham Palace and kissed her good-bye, and as they passed through the gates the guards on duty saluted the Princess.

Dr. Alexander Goldstein, who is representing the Zionist organisation for the rebuilding of the Jewish homeland in Palestine, has arrived in Singapore from Rangoon. Dr. Goldstein is one of the leading figures in this movement. Lord Balfour describes him as a gentleman of the highest character and qualifications. He is on a tour of India and the East generally.

Some motor-cars cannot be mistaken, remarks a Home-gossip writer. In Hanover-square a small closed car with bright red lines and a chauffeur with bright red piping on his uniform showed that Mr. Henry Coventry, Lord Coventry's second son, was paying a call. Lady Louise Mountbatten has a sailor wagging flag as a mascot on her motor-car. Sir John Ramsden has an ivory horn curving up from the bonnet of his!

The wedding of Miss Didi Vlasto, the French International lawn tennis player, and M. Jean Serpier, a young Italian, took place at the latter's country house near Athens. The couple sailed for Italy on their honeymoon. Of Greek descent, Miss Vlasto was born in Marseilles and it was there that she learned the game in which she later became so successful. In 1924 she succeeded Suzanne Lenglen (now a professional player) as champion of France. Miss Lenglen did not defend her title in the Olympic singles.

Regarding the British Concession with regard to the British Concession, Dr. Bonham-Carter, the new British Ambassador, informed the Foreign Office that he had been informed that Sir Stamford Raffles, the founder of Singapore, the doctor's birthplace, for which he retains an abiding affection.

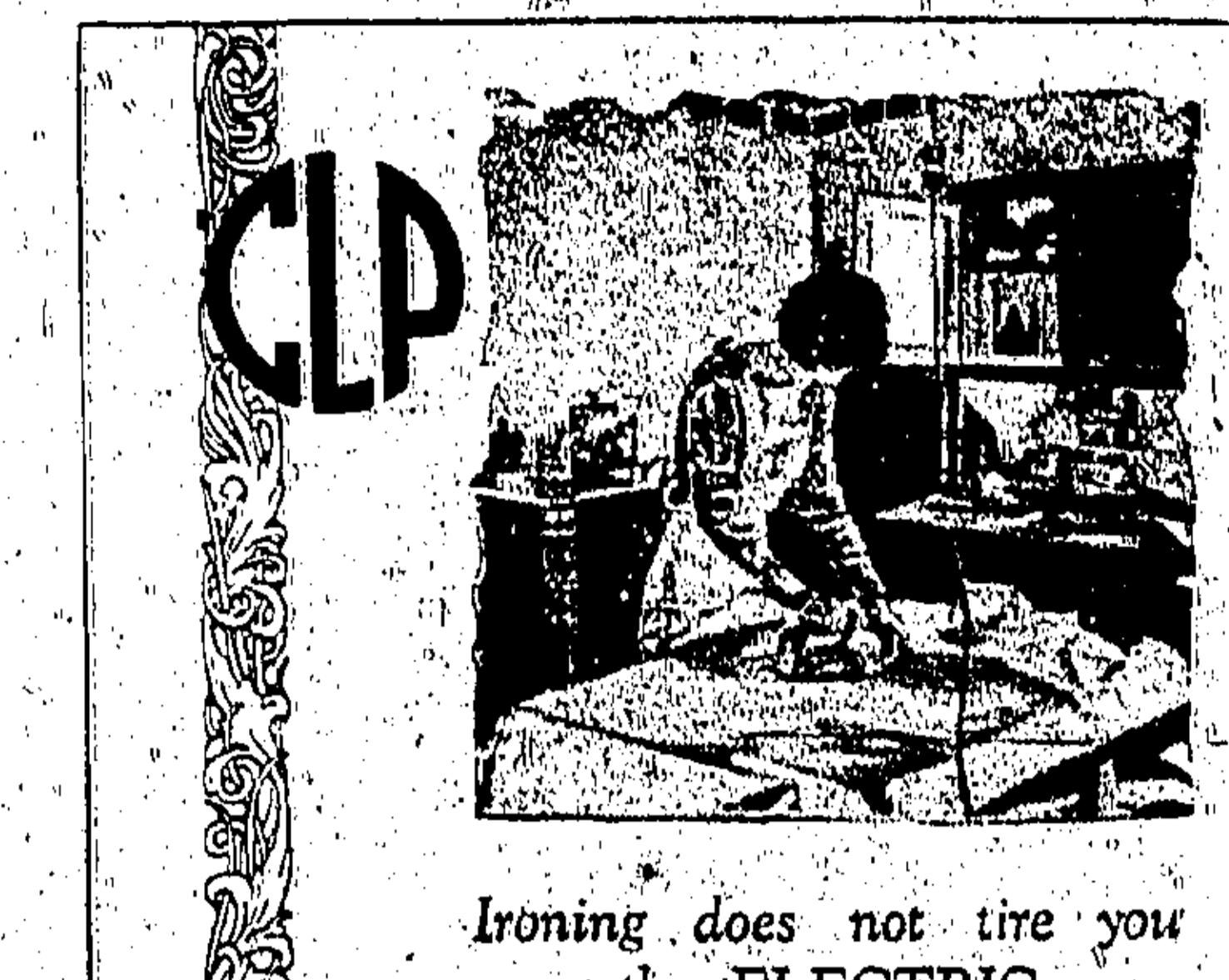
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SPORTS SECTION

YACHT CLUB.

NOTES ON SAILING ACTIVITIES.

REST OF THE SEASON.

(By "Chau Kung.")

With this afternoon taken up by the Services Regatta, no programme of sailing has been arranged but if sailing members wish, a Menagerie race will be held on Sunday over a course of Lyemun Beacon (p), mark on line (s), Channel Rocks (s) = 7.8 miles, starting at 11 a.m.

The ladies are reported as having beaten the Club by 21 points to 15 but if the stories I have heard are only half true then it must be admitted that the correct score would be nearer 24 to 9! The sailing of the ladies' team was very good with Mrs. Mitchell showing the fleet the way home in "Bluenose" Mrs. Adams being next in "Why Wonder?" The "moral" of the men seems to have been completely broken and one hears tales of considerable controversy among members of the team. The ladies have truly and properly shown them "how it is done."

It was however a most enjoyable day with a little too much wind the afternoon event was abandoned.

The result for the Cruiser Championship which was sailed with "B" handicap ("wind" under force 4) resulted in "U" and "I" beating "Coquette" by 7 mins. 53 1/2 secs. but the wind was rising practically all through the race and when the mark on Club line was rounded, the wind force must have been at least 6. Had this force of wind prevailed at 10 o'clock, the race would have been sailed under "A" handicaps with "U" & "I" giving another 4 mins. 41 secs. which would have reduced the winning margin to 56t over 3 minutes. "Coquette" hardly had her full share of the "joss" though at Lyemun Beacon where she was "set up" and able to hold through the pass on one tack. "U" & "I" was headed off to the Hong Kong shore and saw a 3 to 4 minutes' lead wiped out.

"Coquette" lead round Tathong Rock and held it in to Collinson Point but inside the harbour limits there was considerably more weight in the wind which rather overwhelmed her with full canvas set.

It is anticipated that the race for the "U" & "I" prize (presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse for the cruisers) will be sailed on Sunday, April 10, over a course to be chosen by the donor.

A table follows of points gained in the season's championships:

Heyward Hey's Class.

Blues	78	1st
Boojum	76	2nd
Why Wonder?	68	3rd
Adele	63	4th
Lola	60	5th
Zephyr	36	6th
Adanac	36	6th
Sonlark	34	8th

(Of nine races sailed, Boojum won 4, Bluenose 2, Why Wonder? 2, and Adele 1, but Boojum was disqualified in the first race.)

Cruisers.

U. and I.	44	1st*
Coquette	44	2nd
La Cigale	43	3rd
Norseman	33	4th
Feathers	25	5th
Queen Bee	18	6th
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Open Singles.

Third round	—	Ng Sze-kwong
beat E. C. Fincher 6-3, 6-1, 8-10, 6-3.		

Open Doubles.

Second round	—	Major W. B. Stevenson and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander
beat Capt. E. W. Morris and Lieut. G. L. E. M. Sturges 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.		

Club Championship.

G. W. Sewell	beat W. Hyde	6-2, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
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Mixed Doubles.

Miss Butcher and A. J. Hazeland (rec. 15/1)	beat Mrs. Jolly and Lt. D. Smith (rec. 5/6)	6-3, 6-3.
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TREVESSE TROPHY.

BI-ANNUAL RACE FOR SHIPS' LIFEBOATS.	PRINCE'S POINT-TO-POINT VICTORY.
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To commemorate the memory of the feat of the captain and officers in getting away from their ship, bi-annual races are held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club for the "Trevessa" trophy.

The next race is to be on April 20. These competitions for ships' life-boats in Hong Kong harbour have proved very interesting in the past and the various "Lines" will be just as keen this time.

Full details are announced in an advertisement on page 3.

HOCKEY CLUB LOSE.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday, the Hong Kong Hockey Club lost by 8-1 to a team from H.M.S. "Tamar," small ships and the Army.

The goal scorers were Addison (2) and Valentine (Club) in the first half, and Sabine in the second.

London, March 16.—In the third heat of the Empire billiards tournament, Col. Wales (2,000), beat M. Smith, Scotland, (1,445).

In the fourth heat, Col. Wales (2,000) beat the amateur champion Steeple, England (1,349).

London, March 17.—Gloucester beat the Royal Air Force at rugger by 28 points to 11.

London, March 18.—In the inter-Varsity billiards match at Oxford, Meddies Co. (99), Kinnar, and Shattock.

THE BOAT RACE.

CANTABS' STYLE v. OXFORD'S STAMINA.

TODAY'S PROSPECTS & CHANCES.

London, April 1. On the eve of the Boat Race, practice has been hindered by rough water, but conditions improved later.

The crews are taking precautions against the weather, both boats being fitted with water-chutes.

Cambridge contemplate the use of two balloons under the feet of each man.

The start is timed for 1.30 p.m. (Saturday) but may be earlier if conditions are bad.

In the latter event, conditions should favour Oxford, as it is anticipated to be a case of Cambridge's style versus Oxford's stamina.—Reuter.

GOLF "PROS."

INAUGURAL RYDER CUP MATCH.

BRITISH VISIT TO AMERICA.

London, March 15. Abe Mitchell is to captain the British professionals in the inaugural Ryder Cup golf match

London, April 1. The Disarmament Committee has adopted a modified draft of the resolution on the limitation of the period of army service laying down that the total period of service of the annual contingent in conscriptionist States shall not exceed the figure accepted by the high contracting parties. This will comprise the total with the active army and compulsory

Aircraft Material.—Reuter.

Geneva, April 1. The Disarmament Committee has adopted a French proposal that the limitation of material for air armaments should apply to aircraft and dirigibles in commis-

ation.

The Committee adjourned until

tomorrow other points dealing with air armaments.—Reuter.

Shanghai, April 1. There are indications that all is not well in the Kuomintang camp.

Shanghai, April 1. While the meeting of the

moderates yesterday was passing

resolutions asking Chiang Kai-

shek to eliminate the Red ele-

ments from the party a meeting of

left-wingers was passing

resolutions urging the expulsion

of the "conservatives" and

"moderates," and the immediate

restoration of the Settlements.

There is undoubtedly trouble

brewing in these two sections

here. All the best informed

Chinese are backing the Reds to

win.—Reuter.

Mr. Soong Seeks Safety.

Shanghai, April 1. Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nationalist

Minister of Finance, has taken a

house in the International Settle-

ment where, under the protection

of foreign forces, he is finding it

safier to live than outside.—

Reuter.

French Commander Wanted.

Paris, April 1. The "Echo de Paris" states that

Admiral Basire has asked that an

officer be sent to command the

French troops in Shanghai. Prob-

ably a Colonel will be sent to

Shanghai from Indo-China.—

Reuter.

Labour Revolt.

Red Unions Burned Down.

Shanghai, April 1. There are increasing signs that

Labour is beginning to chafe

under the tyranny of the Red

Unions. Both the Ningpo and

Hangchow headquarters of the

union have been attacked and

burned down by workers.

The chief complaint of the

latter was that the General

Labour Union is controlled by a

small dictatorial clique who are

punishing and persecuting any

one daring to disobey their orders

or disagreed with their methods,

and above all that the workers so

far have not really benefited

under this new regime, owing to

the prevalence of so many

strikes and lockouts and the

closing of so many shops.

Briefly, the workers at Ningpo and

Hangchow felt that they

were better off formerly. The

latest news is that the victory of

the moderates is likely to be short

lived as more experienced Red

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MOTORING SECTION

MECHANICAL WEARINESS.

Cause of Loss of Power.

So rapidly has the automobile progressed that, whereas only three or four years ago a "tired" engine was not an infrequent occurrence on a long run, it is now seldom met with. A good modern engine seems to go better and better, faster and faster, as the miles fade into the distance.

Most keen motorists can remember, even so recently as 1922 or 1923, being very pleased indeed with a car that would "apparently stick at 40 m.p.h. all day without sign of distress.

In theory at any rate engines should not get tired. After they have been running fast for a number of miles the lubricant is circulating smoothly everywhere, the mixture delivered by the carburetor is warmed just sufficiently to ensure its proper vaporisation, and the temperature of both cooling water and lubricating oil has reached its most efficient point. The top-gear ratio prevents excessive "revving" and the engine, although working hard, is at its highest pitch of efficiency.

Engine "Tired."

Even in these days one occasionally comes across an engine which does not perform in this ideal manner. Thirty, forty, or even fifty miles at good speed begin to make their mark upon the slugging power unit. No longer will it breast steep hills in the same confident manner, nor will it respond so rapidly to a touch of the accelerator pedal. The engine is "tired."

What is the cause of this weariness of a mechanical unit, which should resist strains and fatigue in a manner superior to the endurance of any animal? There are, of course, errors of maintenance or fitting, but there are other faults due to actual design, which are eradicated year by year, often in the crucible of a great track or road race.

The minor points include the use of an unsuitable lubricant; while the oil is still cool it is keeping in a thin, slippery film between two moving parts, but when heat has been conducted to it through the crowns of the pistons and by conduction through the cylinder walls and crank case the oil becomes hot and thin. If of poor quality it then ceases to do what it should, and consequently, there is more internal friction and the engine feels sluggish.

The use of unsuitable sparking plugs may also be responsible for "tiring" an engine. A long, fast run may result in the electrodes becoming incandescent, so that pre-ignition occurs. This may not be noticeable at high speeds, but the engine will not feel "right" and will not develop its full power.

Errors in fitting. Errors in fitting include pistons that are too tight. Consequently, as they expand, they run upon the cylinder bore, engendering friction and heat. The same two enemies of efficient running are occasioned by an improperly lined-up group of main bearings or main, big-end bearings that are too tight. Symptoms due to these causes will, of course, become patent after the car has been overhauled, but should not be noticeable in the case of a well-run-in or worn car, unless the lubrication system fails and there is an insufficient film of oil between the bearing surfaces.

A NEW ENGINE.

A handful of privileged persons witnessed in London on January 24 a private demonstration of what experts describe as a remarkable motor cycle engine—one cylinder, double-shafted, and two pistons—designed by an Australian engineer named Werry. Though the engine is nominally rated at 2½ horse-power, it is claimed that it develops 12 horse-power. In a bench test it did 14,000 revolutions a minute, with a roar like an aeroplane engine. Virtually it is without vibration, though it is not even fastened down. It is prophesied that the engine, which will be placed on the market in a few months, will develop four times the power of an ordinary similar powered motor engine on the road, at half the running cost. Mr. Werry is applying the principle to a six-cylinder aeroplane engine, in which the Air Ministry is showing keen interest.

FOUR FACTORS.

And The Biggest is Oil Supply.

"Undoubtedly," (says a recent issue of the "Mack Bulldog," the organ of the International Motor Co.) "the entire Chinese Navy could peacefully float at anchor in the printers' ink that has been used to shout the message, 'Change you crank case oil every 300 miles,' and still I will put myself on record without fear of contradiction that there are at least two truck owners in the United States of America who have overlooked the importance of this little

"big thing."

"It's little because it doesn't require much of an outlay in time or money, and it's big because that steady powerful heart-beat of your faithful old gasoline bread winner if neglected is going to prematurely weaken as sure as new laid eggs are a month old."

"Remember, real success in the hauling game depends not alone upon mileage—not maintenance costs—not operating costs—not days out of the shop, but the net results of all four factors lumped together."

"Yes, a high grade motor truck at times seems to actually possess instinct, some claim that each has a real personality, and some enthusiastic owners actually go so far as to class them as almost human. The idea is fine so far as it goes but they have not reached that point where they are self-repairing. The driver can wear the skin off his fingers or knock a piece of bark off his shin and they will eventually heal and be as good as when he was a day old, but when those cylinder walls wear down, the wrist will begin to slap, and the crank journals will lop-sided, because they have been splashing around in a diluted oil mixture with less than 2½% lubricating kick, a day is coming when a heating operation will be necessary to the tune of many dollars that might just as well have been handed to the receiving tanner and left to accumulate compound interests."

CAUSES OF ACCIDENT.

Appeal for Caution.

From careful observations the R.A.C., Britain, has formed the opinion that the two principal causes of motor accidents are:

(1) Lack of proper care in negotiating corners and crossroads.

(2) Failure to give or observe driving signals.

The increasing use of white lines at corners by local authorities now gives a clear indication to every driver as to the course he should follow in rounding a corner, and if this course is followed the chances of coming into collision with another vehicle are reduced to a minimum. It is not uncommon, however, for drivers to pull out either when approaching a bend, or even on the bend itself, to pass slow-moving traffic ahead. This practice cannot be too strongly condemned, and drivers should never in any circumstances attempt to pass on corners, no matter how much they may be obliged to reduce their speed in order to keep their proper place on the road. A cyclist or a horse-drawn vehicle in front may even necessitate dropping down almost to walking pace. But it is worth while doing this, rather than attempt to pass on a "blind" corner and risk being involved in a serious accident.

In entering a main road from a secondary road, or in passing over crossroads, where it is not absolutely certain that it is safe to proceed at the normal pace, drivers should invariably slow down to such speed as will enable them to pull up within a few yards, should it be necessary.

IMPROVED ALL-WEATHER EQUIPMENT.

While considerable improvement has been effected generally in all-weather equipment, the Standard Motor Company, of Coventry, remains the only British concern that is placing on the home market a car sold fully equipped at under £300 and having windows dropping into the doors and operated by a lever, this constituting a great advance over the usual equipment of so-called all-weather vehicles.

BRITISH DESIGNS.

Automatic Gear-Changing.

It seems almost a pity that greater publicity is not given to the adoption of British designs by the American motor industry—one of the leading novelties revealed by the New York motor Show. However, great interest is taken in the trials that are being made by the Buick Company with their new epicyclic four-speed gear-box in the States. Vauxhall cars have been testing this self gear-changing gear-box for about two years, and those motorists who have had trial runs state that it is marvellous. The driver simply moves a finger lever on the quadrant on the steering wheel out to the required gear up or down and the gear changes automatically and silently, the engine picking it up without any fuss. This will entirely abolish all the novice's troubles about gear-changing, and American motorizing friends state that in the U.S.A. folk will pay £20 to £30 more for such a car, any time, and so get rid for ever of their annoying changing gears. It is all very novel, but will not driving become dull and monotonous with nothing to do but press the accelerator, pedal, shift a quadrant lever, and put on brakes, all without any skill required or sense of east to know just the right moment to alter ratios? The fool-proof no-skill epicyclic gear-box is being experimented with by several other notable British firms. Ford, with his two-speed epicyclic gear-box, and Lanchester, with his three-speed epicyclic gear-box, must smile that their type, though largely improved, is to be the novelty tomorrow. Though cars are on the road with these no-trouble gear-changing epicyclic gears, they are not likely to find their way on to standard productions for another twelve months, and not then unless they emerge successfully under their present tests in Britain and America.

MOTOR LEGISLATION.

The Automobile Association has issued a Questionnaire to British motorists, asking for their views on certain matters concerning the use and ownership of motor cars and motor cycles.

In the opinion of the Association, legislation to remedy the defects of the existing law is long overdue, and having regard to the importance of the questions at issue, it is considered desirable in this way to obtain the individual opinions of motorists throughout the country.

Among the questions upon which motorists' views are being solicited are:

(a) The re-introduction of the Petrol Tax.

(b) The abolition of Speed Limits.

(c) The need for legislation to deal with "Joy Riding."

(d) The amendment of the Law re production of driving licences.

(e) The responsibilities of employers for licences held by paid drivers.

(f) The postponement of the operation of the suspension of driving licences where an appeal has been lodged.

Another feature of the Questionnaire is that every motorist is asked to give particulars of his car or motorcycle with approximate mileage for the year ended September 30, 1926, together with his average fuel consumption in miles per gallon of motor spirit.

The replies received will be collated by a special staff and the results will, of course, be considered in connection with the action to be taken by the Association in relation to the revision of the existing law.

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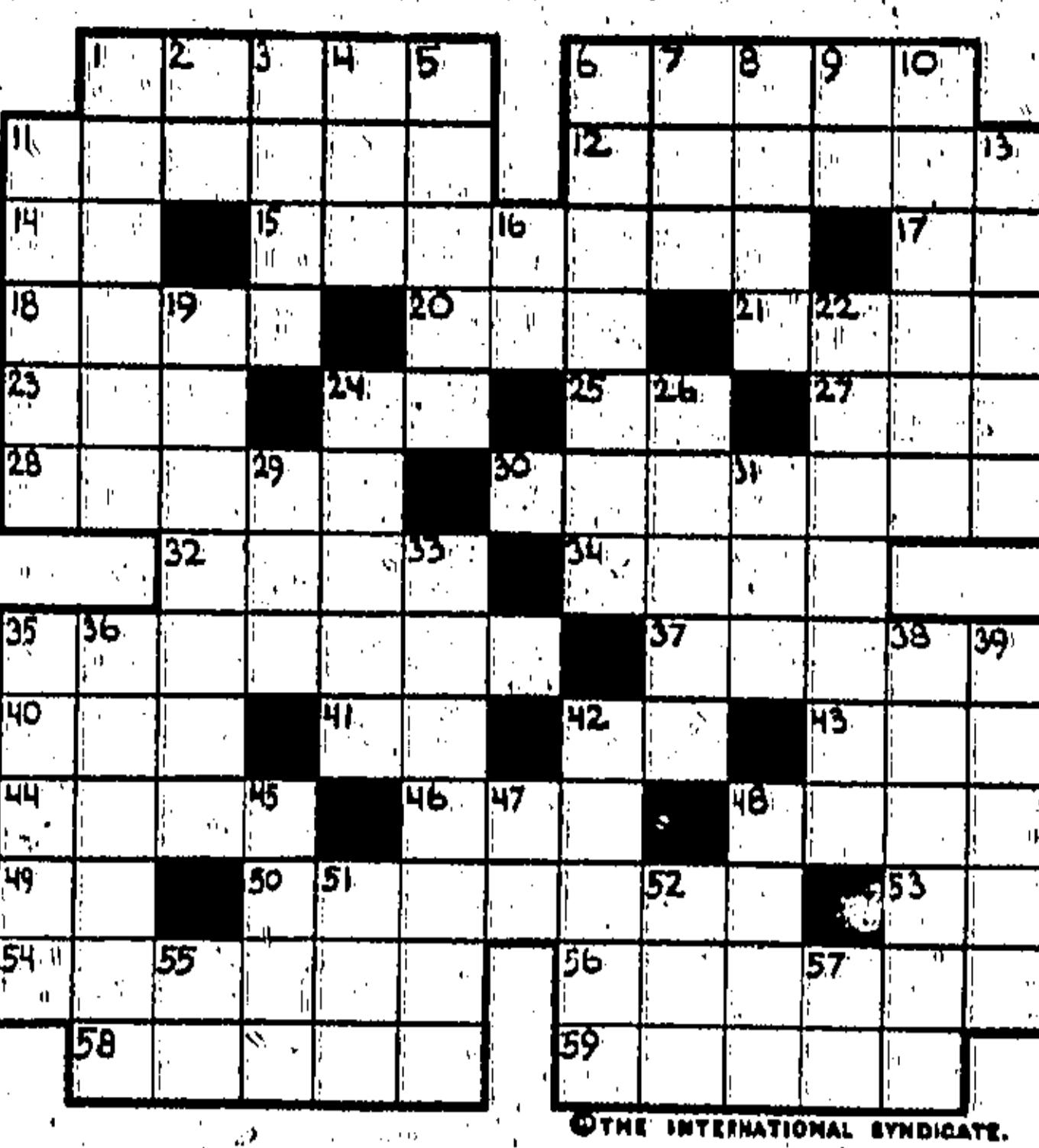
The popularity of British vehicles with the various Municipalities and other public authorities in Australia is further demonstrated by a recent repeat order from the Brisbane Municipality for a number of 2-ton chassis received by the well-known Albion Company of Glasgow.

WHERE BRITAIN LEADS.

In a recent issue of "The Motor Cycle" there appears a history of the world's kilometre motor cycle records in figures. Of the 126 times these maximum speed records have been broken in the various classes, British names appear in all but twenty cases.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

1-A shrub

4-Contests of speed

11-Pertaining to the

18-A brief time

14-To affright suddenly

17-Prefix meaning "in"

18-Most excellent

20-To place

21-The mother of us all

24-Exist

25-Letter of credit

27-Hall (Latin)

30-To carouse

32-Cone of the Great Lakes

34-Brought suit against

37-Tempest

40-Part of verb "to be"

41-To execute

42-Point of the

43-Compass (abbr.)

45-Hint

46-Covers

48-To make (as)

49-A bantering jest

50-A thoroughfare (abbr.)

52-High church official

53-Point of the

54-Allures

55-A guide

56-A family tree in Alaska

58-Made lame

1-Part of a coat

2-Toward the top

3-Fog

4-A smelt

5-Stop

6-Baby's plaything (pl.)

7-Shoemaker's tool

8-Masticate

9-East Indies (abbr.)

10-To disentangle

11-Fossilized vegetable resin

12-Of

13-Do

14-Cover

15-End

16-Had

17-As

18-Base

19-We

20-User

21-Plan

22-Son

23-And

24-Exit

25-No

26-Law

27-Opera

28-Era

29-Enter

30-Denies

31-Of

32-Class

33-Measure

34-Size

35-Width

36-Height

37-Depth

38-Width

39-Width

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THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

MR. LANEPART'S ADDRESS

Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "What is Theosophy" at Thursday's weekly public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society.

An extract of his remarks follows:—

Theosophy is the divine wisdom, and its direct individual knowledge in man, is the result of the awakening in germ of divine powers of universal perception, which in course of time all men will learn to unfold and use in the service of man and God.

It is Theosophy the divine wisdom that constitutes the foundation of all religions and thus they all serve the one God. It is Theosophy that renders life intelligible and shows us the love and justice which guide its evolution.

The essence of Theosophy is the fact that man being himself divine can know the divinity whose life he shares, and the imminence of God and the brotherhood of all men are the fundamental teachings of Theosophy.

Intelligent Theory.

Theosophy may be described to the outside world as an intelligent theory of the universe. It is a statement of the great facts of nature so far as they have become known throughout the millennia to the direct vision of daring souls, the pioneers of the spirit and great investigators of the occult.

Yet even for lesser souls who study Theosophy, it soon becomes no more theory, but fact, for Theosophy is a definite science, capable of being studied and its teachings are verifiable by investigation and experiment for those who are willing to take the trouble to qualify themselves for such inquiry.

Founded by Two Masters.

The Theosophical Society, as it exists to-day, has been founded by two of the masters of wisdom, members of the White Lodge, the inner government of the world, to draw those together whose good Karma has made them seek and knock for truth and light.

The mission of the Theosophical Society is therefore not to force its teachings upon souls still asleep and content with lesser lights, but simply to offer it to all, so that those may take it who feel the need for it. The knowledge of the great truths of Theosophy has for us and for thousands of others made life

easier to bear and death easier to face.

Three Great Truths.

The broad outlines of the great truths have been widely known in the world for thousands of years and are to-day largely penetrating and influencing the noblest minds of the West, which, in its incredible self-sufficiency, has for long remained ignorant of them, and long scoffed at any fragment of them which may have come in its way.

There are three "great truths" which are absolute and cannot be lost. They are as great as life itself and yet as simple as the simplest mind of man and are known to and direct the lives of every Theosophist.

They are:—

(1) God exists and He is good. He is the great life-giver, who dwells within us and without us, is undying and eternally beneficent, and is perceived by the man who desires perception.

(2) Man is immortal and his future is one whose glory and splendour have no limit.

(3) A divine law of absolute justice rules the world, so that each man is in truth his own judge, the dispenser of glory or gloom to himself, the decreer of his life, his reward and his punishment.

Moving For Good.

To each of these great truths are attached certain others, subsidiary and explanatory.

From the first great truth it follows:—

(1) That in spite of all appearances, all things are definitely and intelligently moving together for good; that all circumstances, however untoward they may seem, are in reality exactly what are needed; that everything around us tends, not to hinder us, but to help us, if it is only understood.

(2) That, since the whole scheme thus tends to man's benefit, clearly it is his duty to learn to understand it.

(3) That when he thus understands it, it is also his duty intelligently to co-operate in this scheme.

Standpoint of the Soul.

From the second great truth it follows:—

(1) That the true man is a soul and that this body is only an appearance.

(2) That he must, therefore, regard everything from the standpoint of the soul and that in every case when an internal struggle takes place he must realise his identity with the higher, and not with the lower.

(3) That what we commonly call his life is only one day in his true and larger life.

(4) That death is a matter of far less importance than is usually supposed, since it is by no means the end of life, but merely the passage from one stage of it to another.

(5) That man has an immense evolution behind him, the study of which is most fascinating, interesting and instructive.

(6) That he has also a splendid evolution before him, the study of which will be even more fascinating and instructive.

(7) That there is an absolute certainty of final attainment for every human soul, no matter how far he may seem to have strayed from the path of evolution.

Two Inseparable Parts.

From the third great truth it follows:—

(1) That every thought, word or action produces its definite results—not a reward or punishment imposed from without, but a result inherent in the action itself, definitely connected with it in the relation of cause and effect, these being really two inseparable parts of one whole.

(2) That it is both the duty and interest of man to study this divine law closely, so that he will be able to adapt himself to it and to use it, as we use other great laws of nature.

(3) That it is necessary for me to attain perfect control over myself, so that he may guide his life intelligently in accordance with this law.

When this knowledge is fully assimilated, it changes the aspect of life completely, we come to know how we should live and why, and we learn that life is worth living; when properly understood we learn how to develop ourselves and to make ourselves more useful to those around us and ultimately to the whole human race.

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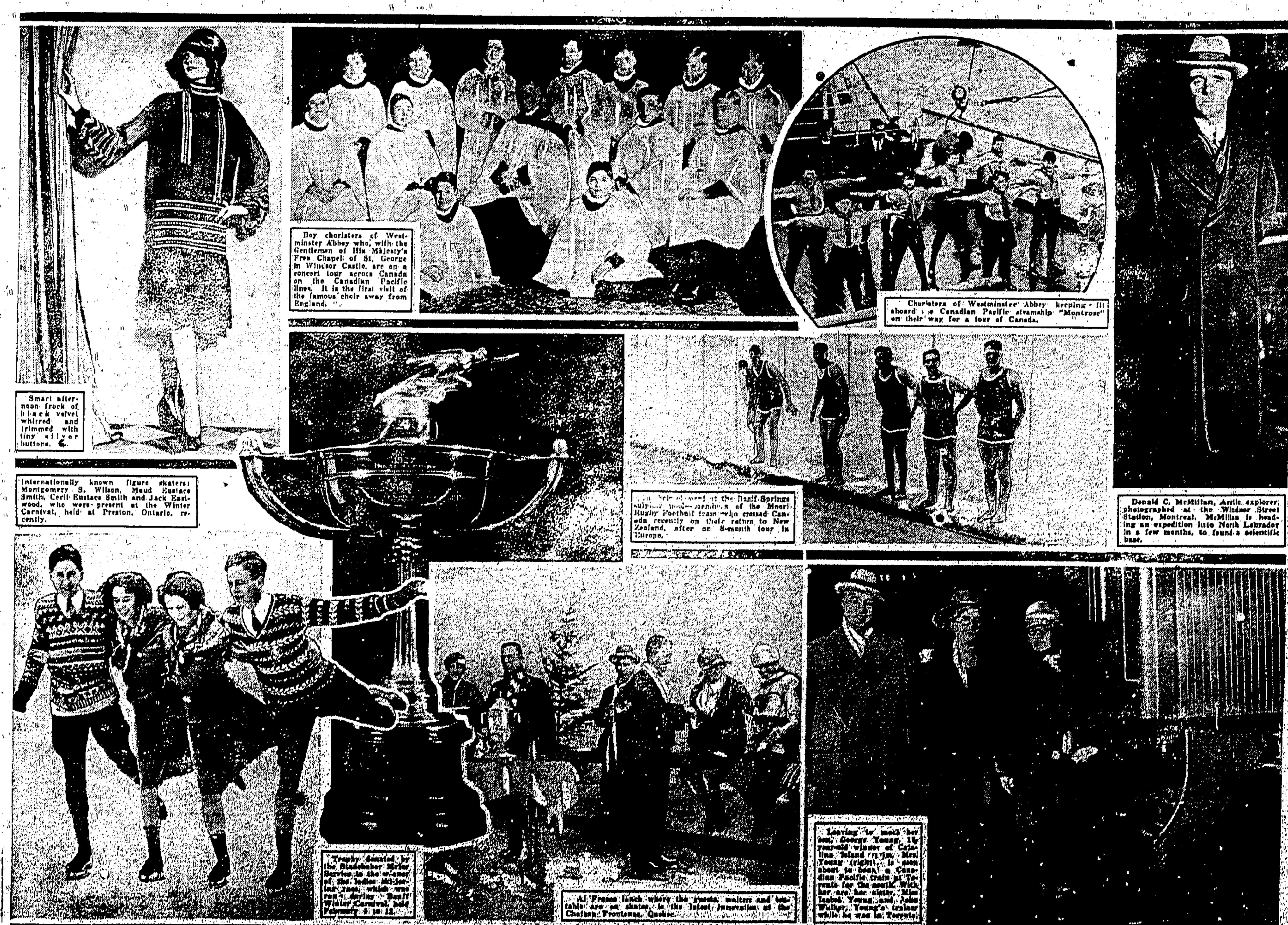
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Shanghai	Chenan, Liangchow.
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U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Jackson.
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Bangkok	Dux 9.30 a.m.
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Tuesday, April	Hai Hong Noon

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Shanghai, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 4th May. Registration 9.45 a.m.	Antenor 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kotsu Maru 5 p.m.
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Manila	President Pierce 5 p.m.
Wednesday, April	Letters 10.30 a.m.
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SERIOUS ILLNESS.

Anxiety for King of Roumania.

CONDITION REPORTED CRITICAL.

Berlin, April 1. The illness of the King of Roumania has taken a serious turn. Direct telegraphic and telephonic communication with Roumania and neighbouring countries is momentarily interrupted.

Condition Improves.

Bukarest, April 1. A bulletin states that King Ferdinand's condition has improved. —Reuter.

Condition Improves.

Washington, April 1. As it has been decided not to reduce the Marine Forces in Nicaragua, it is understood that the Corps Commander is coming out every available detachment in the United States to find riflemen to fill up a regiment at Quantico for use, if needed. —Reuter. American Service.

It is understood that the question of affiliation of the Russian unions to the Amsterdam International was discussed, and a recommendation hereon was made which it is hoped will remove Russian objections from joining it.

Agreement was apparently reached on the question of mutual non-interference in domestic affairs. —Reuter.

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